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Federal, provincial governments invest close to \$1.3 million to improve infrastructure (07/08/27)

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DIEPPE (CNB) - The municipalities of Dieppe, Memramcook, Richibucto, and Shediac will undertake essential improvements to local infrastructure, after receiving their first payments totalling close to \$1.3 million under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-up Fund.



(Multimedia)

Local Government Minister Victor Boudreau and Fundy Royal MP Rob Moore made the announcement today.

The projects receiving funding are:

- \$731,170 for Dieppe for projects under the community energy systems, public transit and water categories.
- \$230,780 for the Village of Memramcook for projects under the capacity building, transportation infrastructure and wastewater categories.
- \$65,580 for the Town of Richibucto for projects under the transportation infrastructure (including roads and bike paths), wastewater and water categories.
- \$239,242 for the Town of Shediac for projects under the transportation infrastructure category.

"Improving local infrastructure is a priority for New Brunswick," Boudreau said. "This funding will give these communities the opportunity to address local infrastructure needs and to improve the quality of life of residents while providing them with a healthy environment. We recognize that municipalities have a crucial role to play in the economic development of the province, and assisting them in building and maintaining safe and adequate infrastructure is another step in attaining self-sufficiency as a province."

"The Government of Canada is moving forward on its commitment to support environmentally sustainable infrastructure in communities across Canada," Moore said. "Thanks to the investment made by our government, these municipalities will be able to proceed with infrastructure projects that have a direct impact on the economy, the environment and the health of communities." He spoke on behalf of Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

The federal government is providing \$116 million over five years to New Brunswick through the Gas Tax Fund, and the province is adding \$30 million in top-up funding. In total, \$146 million will be

provided to communities from 2005 to 2010 for investment in environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure.

New Brunswick communities will be using these funds for environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects such as: clean water, wastewater, community-energy systems, solid-waste management, public transit, capacity building and transportation.

To receive its first payment, each municipality submitted a five-year capital investment plan for review by the province, and signed an agreement contract with the New Brunswick Department of Local Government to implement the plan.

Gas tax funding is one component of the partnership investments The Government of Canada is making in infrastructure. Through its \$33-billion *Building Canada* plan, the government will help meet infrastructure needs throughout Canada through long-term, stable and predictable funding. *Building Canada* will support a stronger, safer and better country, through infrastructure projects that support cleaner air and water, a stronger economy, and a better quality of life for our communities.

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